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WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington—Rain.

OUR INSULAR REALMS.

Cuba is about to contribute a formidable mess of revolt and ruin, for Uncle Sam to clean up and straighten out. It is the beginning of that certain chain of troublous experiences, which every man in America, who knows the Latin peoples, knew was in store for this country when she assumed possession and administration of the Philippines and the West Indies. It will prove, in the end, the one stupendous folly of the American age; but, all the same, there must be no renigging. The responsibility is ours and we must dispose of it honestly and wisely as we are able to, and with such splendid justice and forbearance as will show the turbulent islanders that we are the best friends they ever had. The world is laughing in its sleeve at the inevitable program we have in store, and will watch eagerly for supposedly inevitable blunders. But this government has its opportunity in all this, and we are in a position to demonstrate, not our own destitution of means and methods, but the light of modern thought and power in undoing the wrongs of the centuries and the training of these people who have borne the yokes of bitterness until they are so warped and stultified in misery and the weight of cruelty and denial, that only the blazing sun of freedom and generous treatment can lift them up, to that glorious realization. This is our supreme duty, and it will be done, despite the sacrifices that must be made in the course of the tremendous task.

THE MURDEROUS CULT.

The murder records of the north-west are becoming very black, by way of frequency and hideousness; and people are beginning to ask why? It is not unreasonable to attribute some of the impulses to insanity, a spirit of disaffection, discouragement, hopelessness; but this will not answer the big question fully. There is a growing sentiment in this country that the law itself is to blame for the oft-repeated crime of murder. That it is too lax and that money and influence cut too great a figure in the problem. The moneyless, friendless wretch invariably becomes a victim to the harshness of its penalties, and with commendable saving of time, but the well-boostered delinquent harries the courts and the popular sensibilities for long-drawn months, and then regains his freedom, or quasi-freedom, and the law has been again exploited. Of course, this is old stuff, and vain talk, but there are some things that get too old at times and become bases for radical thought and action. This is one of them. The bar itself should inaugurate an initial movement looking to the dreadful condition and its betterment.

REFORM HOUR APPROACHES.

The good old season for mending one's moral, social and business status is close at hand, and it behooves the man who needs remodeling and revamping, to lay out his prospectus and begin to chuck his old skin. The man without some project of reform is in a hopeless, and yet, bestial, condition, and ought to be known, if only to advise the community of the presence of one absolutely perfect specimen of humanity, and the mere fact that nine-tenths of the amendments fall to the ground before the month expires, has no effect in disestablishing it as the one reform period. Methods of business, personal habits, moral revolutions, all date from there, and it is a good thing, generally speaking, since it evinces the leading

fact that most people do lapse into thought once a year at least. As for perpetuating the desired corrections, that is but incidental, a matter of convenience, to be determined later, and usually ends in vapor. The main thing is that one has thought, and the thinking tendency is one to cultivate.

IT'S THE TRAINING.

It is often stated that no girl should commence school teaching unless she intends to make it a life-long profession. This is not a correct theory. For however great may be a young woman's devotion to the general cause of education at a certain time in her life her affection may become particularized and focused upon one weak and perhaps unworthy masculine member of the human family, and this is a phenomenon against which the power of parents and philosophers has been found to be of no avail. We believe the best school teacher is the girl who shows that she is gifted mostly with the domestic instinct and is most likely to leave pedagogic calling and find her proper and natural sphere as the arbiter of her own home. It is pleasant to find this theory agreeing with good sense and with the fixed and universal laws of mother nature. The woman as a teacher may be independent as the autocrat of her schoolroom full of children, but it is in her home surrounded and caring for her own little ones where she reigns as queen and finds her realm of greatest usefulness and consequent happiness. The idea that the woman school teacher is a sexless and emotionless creature is just about as senseless as it is ungallant and erroneous.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Every owner of national bank stock is liable in case of failure for double the amount of his holdings.

The Klondike output for 1906 was \$3,637,942, making the total since the discovery of the gold field up to \$112,758,572.

The only kind of business that we can think of that don't need advertising is that of being good. That talks for itself.

The postal service of the government was carried on at a net loss of \$10,542,941.75, for the year ending on June 30, 1906.

In Russia they have eighty-six general holidays in a year, which gives them that many chances to blow up their generals.

In 1900 when the census was taken, the United States had a little more than 3,500 centenarians, or one for every 20,000 inhabitants.

A sign of settlement: President Roosevelt taking an interest in the car shortage question.

"I do not know which is the worse, a visitor with a pronounced opinion or one who has no views at all," said a charming matron.

Have a short piece of hose to attach to the water faucet and extend to the wash tubs to fill them and save time, lifting and a backache.

When a cracked egg must be boiled add a teaspoonful of salt to the water, and it will cook without losing any of the white or albumen.

When sitting, don't sag. This is an ungraceful habit and one that is easily acquired. It's a habit of laziness, too—and a damage to the lungs.

We often hear women criticised for their queer ways of doing things. But we rise to call attention to the queer ways many good men have of not doing things.

Mitchell Jasper of Delta, Mich., has obtained a license to marry an Indian girl named Mary-Kick-a-Hole-in-the-Sky. The name of her mother is Afraid-of-No-Man.

A Yokohama paper suggests that Japan may not be getting its share of American heiresses under treaty rights. The Japs are picking up even the art of humor.

Several of the unfortunate heiresses who married foreign noblemen will petition to be restored to American citizenship. This title is never a disappointment, and grows brighter by use.

At the Nevada gold diggings coal is \$50 a ton and it is a struggle to get a meal and a cot. A part of the American people would be unhappy if deprived of the hardships of the Klondike somewhere.

There has been much comment on the fact that a woman legislator in Colorado in writing her name in a hotel register made this entry: "Mrs. Mary A. Smith and husband."

Again Attorney General Hadley has met the old octopus in a New York court and compelled it to take refuge in a stoppage of the hearing. The case will be resumed in Missouri with the octopus on a gallop for cover.

SCIENCE AND RADIUM

Papers Read Before American Association Discuss New Metal.

ACTINIUM PARENT ELEMENT

The Popular Theory That Nutrition Plays an Important Relation to Sex Determination Questioned by Naturalist.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made yesterday before the physics section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which is in session here, of an important discovery relative to radium. It has been suggested that radium was a derivative of another chemical element and was in its present state merely temporarily and uranium was set down as the parent element. Yesterday Dr. Bertram B. Boltwood and Professor F. W. Rutherford read papers demonstrating that radium can be obtained from actinium, which is itself a derivative of uranium. This discovery about the wonderful element may lead to remarkable results. Professor Rutherford holds that "Radium is the Methusalem of radium and doubtless there are many generations between uranium and actinium and Rutherford said that the discovery would not increase the supply of radium. Professor T. H. Morgan read a paper before the American Society of Naturalists, dealing with the general subject, "The Biological and Significance and Control of Sex," which excited much interest because he discussed the possibility of determining sex in human beings. He seriously questioned the theory which has prevailed of recent years that nutrition has an intimate relation to sex determination. He said that it is apparent that so many other external factors than food may be involved that the slight difference upon which the conclusion as to nutrition is based, may be due to other conditions than nutrition. If nutrition really was such a factor as had been conceded, a far greater disproportion of males to females in the offspring of the rich and of the poor should be looked for, he said, than has been shown by Busing, a German biologist statistician's figures on the subject. Recent experiences in Europe with rats and mice had shown that even extreme conditions of starvation and of feeding produced no effect upon the birth rate of males and females.

FOOT BALL.

West Astoria vs. Astoria High School, New Year's Day. Admission 25c. Game called 2:30 p. m.

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BANK CHANGES HANDS.

San Francisco Institution Passes Under Control of Local Management.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The London, Paris & American Bank, one of the oldest banking institutions of San Francisco, is abandoning its management and becomes more of a local than a foreign institution. A syndicate was formed in this city last March for the purpose of acquiring a controlling interest in the bank. The syndicate is headed by Sigmund Grenebaum, the manager of the bank, and by Mortimer and Herbert Fleischacker. They secured the holdings of the foreign shareholders except those of the Lazard Freres, the founders of the bank, who retain their large holdings. The fire of last April interfered with the plans in contemplation and their consummation was deferred. The exchange is to take effect March 1, 1907, or perhaps earlier. The bank will be reorganized under the new syndicate and will be managed jointly by Grenebaum and the Fleischacker Bros.

FORMER MILLIONAIRE DEAD.

Drink Brought About Death on County Poor Farm.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Tribune, from Spokane, Wash., says:

Once a millionaire wheat speculator, and the partner of Old Hutch in the Chicago Wheat pit, C. G. Leonard died yesterday at the County Poor Farm at Spangle, unmourned and unattended by friends and relatives.

One son is superintendent of a mill at Birmingham, Ala., a daughter is the wife of Professor Fisher, in the University of California, and his wife and two daughters reside in Chicago. Drink brought about his downfall, wrecking his health and breaking up his family relations.

"Judge" Leonard, as he was familiarly known, was born in New York, 53 years ago. In the early '80s he practiced law in Chicago. He became associated with Hutchinson in the famous wheat corner which made him a multi-millionaire. He had been President of the school board and superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School. He located in Spokane in 1886. A year ago he was stricken with paralysis.

SHOCK FOR CHILI.

Earthquake Opens Fissures in the South American Republic.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A Valparaiso Chile, special to the Herald says a violent but short earthquake shock was felt there Thursday and two slight ones on the following evening. No damage occurred.

Dispatches from Arica, the scene of the recent severe earthquake, say the shock caused landslides and wide fissures, but there were no deaths.

Plans for the new Valparaiso City have been approved by the President.

THE CORRECT CLOTHES SHOP

IN THE BATTLE OF LIFE



the well groomed man has a great advantage over one who is careless in dress.

Even the office boy who takes the cards of visitors seeking an interview with the head of the firm, unconsciously shows greater deference to the man who is well dressed.

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